GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's first periodic report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Childobserved that India lacked separate legislation to deal with such cases;

(b) if so, whether the report prepared by the Department of Women and Child Development is to be submitted to the UNCommittee on the Rights of the Child;

(c) if so, the other recommendations of the report;

(d) whether the Government are considering any legislation to deal with child abuse cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA)

(a),(b)&(c) No, Sir. State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child are required to furnish periodic reports on its implementation. The first such Report in 2001 was prerpared by this Ministry following a consultative process and was submitted to the UN Committee on theRights of the Child. The Report spells out constitutional provisions, laws, policies and programmes being implemented in India with reference to various provisions of CRC.

(d)&(e) The Law Commission of India in their 172ndReport have recommended comprehensive changes in law to safeguard children from sexual abuse and exploitation. This Report is receiving the attention of the Justice Malmimath Commission on criminal justice reforms.